SUBJECT No. 333.

Reduction of wet assessment on lands under Chikkadevarayasagar Nala by Rs. 2 per acre.

Mr. Gargeswari Srinivasa Rao, T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Heavy wet assessment is levied on lands bordering on the Chikkadevarayasagar Nala simply because these lands are situated in the Bannur village. Raiyats do not come forward to cultivate them. Such lands do not even fetch the kandayam fixed therefor, and in many instances lands sold for arrears of kandayam are resumed by Government. As the hot-weather supply has since been stopped, the raiyats cannot grow either sugarcane or raise horse-gram or other crops for manure. The value of the lands has thereby been diminished and the raiyats ruined. It is therefore prayed that the wet assessment be reduced by two rupees per acre.

Reply of Government.—The Revenue Commissioner may investigate the matter and bring it to the notice of the Settlement Commissioner if necessary to do so.

SUBJECT No. 334.

Arrangements for sufficient supply of water to the gardens.

Mr. Shama Iyengar of the Chamarajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Alur, Homma, Saragur, Kudlur, Maralahalla and other branch channels have been drawn from the Suvarnavati, which is not a perennial river. There is no anikat built across the river. There are very few fields under them for raising wet crops, but there is a large areca-nut and garden cultivation. During the Survey Settlement the rates of assessment fixed were from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12 per acre on the ground of their being supplied with water during summer. The channel authorities supply water only to such as they like, but not to others. If a complaint is made, they say that the channels are closed for repairs. They object to putting a dam across the channel. Last year they caused much loss and inconvenience and the higher authorities are heedless to raiyats' grievances. It is prayed that the matter may be enquired into, and efficient arrangements made for regulating the proper supply of water or that the rates fixed for the garden be reduced. In the year 1897 the subject was discussed, and the matter was referred to the Maramat Department.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Reply No. 366.

SUBJECT No. 335.

Grant of the portion of the jungle proposed to be reserved in the Kakankote Forest to the raiyats.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When it was requested that the district jungle, which was given out to the raiyats in the Kakankote Forest, and which was being marked to be converted into a State Forest should be left in the undisturbed possession of the raiyats, Government were kind enough to order that the matter should be urged after the Forest Settlement was over. On 18th July 1905, the Settlement Officer came and proclaimed that 1,000 acres had been left for the raiyats and the remaining portion reserved. Owing to this, many raiyats, too poor to prefer an appeal, are about to emigrate to some other place. It is therefore prayed that the portion reserved may also be given over to the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—The matter many be represented to the Deputy Commissioner. This is no a matter to be settled here.

SUBJECT No. 336.

Reduction of grazing-fees in State Forests.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In State Forests a grazing-fee of eight annas and four annas has been fixed per head of buffalo and cattle, respectively. As the raiyats of this place are poor, it is prayed that the fees may be reduced by one-half.

Reply of Government.—Reduction is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 337.

Cessation of molestation by Forest Department.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In villages, though raiyats have built their houses years ago, the Forest authorities threaten them with legal proceedings. It is prayed that orders may be passed putting a stop to such molestations.

Reply of Government.—Individual cases may be complained against.

SUBJECT No. 338.

Lighting Mysore City with electric lights.

Mr. M. Madappa, Municipal Member, City Municipality, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The capital town of Mysore may be lighted with electricity.

Reply of Government.—*Withdrawn.*

SUBJECT No. 339.

Encouragement to industries

Mr. M. Anantarajaiya, City Municipality, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Industries may be encouraged in the capital city by the supply of electric power.

Reply of Government.—*Withdrawn.*

SUBJECT No. 340.

Loans to weavers at Melkote

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadanandavardhini Sabha, Mekote.

Summary of discussion.—Melkote is, as it were, the birth-place of the weavers in the Province. A few years ago there were more than 400 families of weavers and 1,000 looms were working. Owing to plague, etc., the number of families has been reduced to 200 and the looms to 400. Most of these men have become exceedingly poor, many of them have given up their profession for want of capital and have now begun to start as coolies and beggars, and besides, some have finally left the place to eke out their livelihood in one way or other. The members of this Sabha and the Managing Committee of the Industrial School have advised them not to go out of this place by putting them into new works of industry, etc. Pray that the Government may choose to advance capital to the poor weavers on the security of some of the Sabha Committee members and leading men of the weavers and recover the amount as these weavers prosper. In course of time it will be easy to train them in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Co-operative Societies recently passed. Therefore it is requested that Government will consider fully the importance of the weaving industry and encourage the same by lending Rs. 10,000 on security and charging interest thereon.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to the Deputy Commissioner.